

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1           1.     A method for inputting time in a video environment, comprising:  
2                 displaying an analog-type mechanism having an hour hand grab  
3                 mechanism and a minute hand grab mechanism,  
4                 wherein the hour hand grab mechanism may be pulled with a user  
5                 input device to set a desired hour, and  
6                 wherein the minute hand grab mechanism may be pulled with the  
7                 user input device to set a desired minute; and  
8                 displaying a day/evening selector, wherein day or evening may be  
9                 selected with the user input device.

1           2.     The method according to claim 1, wherein displaying an analog-type time  
2                 mechanism, further comprises displaying a first analog-type time mechanism  
3                 having the hour hand grab mechanism; and displaying a second analog-type  
4                 time mechanism having the minute hand grab mechanism.

1           3.     A device for inputting time in a video environment, comprising:

an analog-type mechanism having an hour hand grab mechanism  
connected to an hour hand and a minute hand grab mechanism  
connected to a minute hand,  
wherein the hour hand grab mechanism may be pulled with an user  
input device to set a desired hour, and  
wherein the minute hand grab mechanism may be pulled with the  
user input device to set a desired minute; and  
a day/evening selector, wherein day or evening may be selected with the  
user input device.

4. The device according to claim 1, wherein the analog-type time  
mechanism, further comprises a first analog-type time mechanism having the  
hour hand grab mechanism; and a second analog-type time mechanism having  
the minute hand grab mechanism.

5. The device of claim 4, wherein the day/evening selector displays a sun to  
indicates daytime and a moon to indicate nighttime.

6. The device of claim 5, wherein the hour hand moves towards a next hour  
marking when the minute hand is pulled.

1        7.     The device of claim 6, wherein the analog-time mechanism is divided into  
2             a neutral region, a minute region, and an hour region,  
3             wherein each region has an associated color,  
4             wherein the hour region is between a twelve position and the hour hand,  
5             wherein the minute region is between the twelve position and the minute  
6                   hand, but does not include the hour region, and  
7             wherein the neutral region does not include the hour region and the  
8                   minute region.

1        8.     The device of claim 7, wherein the user input device comprises:  
2             a mouse,  
3             a trackball,  
4             a keyboard, and  
5             a remote controller.

1        9.     The device of claim 8, wherein the first and second analog-type  
2             mechanisms include an indicator to indicate if the first or second mechanism is  
3             active.

1        10.    The device of claim 9, wherein the indicator comprises a halo, a blinking  
2             effect, a cursor, and a changing color effect.

1 11. The device of claim 10, wherein the device is used for inputting program  
2 preview times, program end times, program start recording times, and program  
3 end recording times.

1 12. A system for inputting time in a video environment, comprising:  
2 means for displaying an analog-type mechanism having an hour hand  
3 grab mechanism and a minute hand grab mechanism,  
4 wherein the hour hand grab mechanism may be pulled with an user  
5 input device to set a desired hour, and  
6 wherein the minute hand grab mechanism may be pulled with the  
7 user input device to set a desired minute; and  
8 means for displaying a day/evening selector, wherein day or evening may  
9 be selected with the user input device.

1 13. The system according to claim 12, wherein means for displaying an  
2 analog-type time mechanism, further comprises means for displaying a first  
3 analog-type time mechanism having the hour hand grab mechanism; and means  
4 for displaying a second analog-type time mechanism having the minute hand  
5 grab mechanism.

1 14. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of  
2 instructions for inputting time in a video environment, said plurality of instructions  
3 when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform:

4 displaying an analog-type mechanism having an hour hand grab  
5 mechanism and a minute hand grab mechanism,  
6 wherein the hour hand grab mechanism may be pulled with an user  
7 input device to set a desired hour, and  
8 wherein the minute hand grab mechanism may be pulled with the  
9 user input device to set a desired minute; and  
10 displaying a day/evening selector, wherein day or evening may be  
11 selected with the user input device.

1 15. The computer-readable medium of claim 14 having stored thereon  
2 additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer,  
3 cause said computer to further perform:

4 displaying a first analog-type time mechanism having the hour hand grab  
5 mechanism; and displaying a second analog-type time mechanism  
6 having the minute hand grab mechanism.